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DOCUMENTS IN A DATABASE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub b 6. *(Amended)* A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the database and the browsing means are coupled via a data communications network.

7. *(Amended)* A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the database and the browsing means are provided on the same stand-alone computer system.

8. *(Amended)* A method according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein said set of documents are HTML documents stored in a WWW server connected to an Internet by means of http protocol.